



FAQ for Outdoor Fitness and Commercial Activity Permits at City of Santa Barbara Parks and Beaches

- ***What does an Outdoor Fitness and Commercial Activity Permit provide?***

An Outdoor Fitness and Commercial Activity Permit allows a business to operate fitness or other commercial activities in a specific Santa Barbara park location.

- ***What times can I operate?***

Permits allow for fitness activities from sunrise to 10:00am (AM session) and/or 4:00pm to sunset (PM session). Other commercial activities may be allowed to occur outside of these time periods.

- ***Can I apply both for AM and PM sessions?***

Yes.

- ***How much does an Outdoor Fitness Permit cost?***

There will be a \$50 annual permit fee plus the following usage fees:

- 3-14 participants: \$250/month
- 14-29 participants: \$350/month
- 30-49 participants: \$400/month
- Other commercial activities are charged \$22 per hour resident fee or \$27 per hour non-resident fee for waterfront locations or \$27 per hour resident fee or \$32 per hour non-resident fee for non-waterfront locations.

- ***Is there a discount for having both the AM and PM permit?***

There is no discount on the monthly usage fee, but the business will only need to pay a single \$50 permit processing fee.

- ***Do I need a permit if I hold trainings with one or two people?***

No. An Outdoor Fitness Permit is required if you have three or more clients.

- ***May I have amplified music?***

Amplified music is permitted only in certain parks. If music is permitted, the volume must be kept at or below 60 decibels at the park perimeter. This information is listed in the Fitness Location Guide.

- ***How many people can I have in a class?***

A maximum of 49 people are permitted for one class, including the instructor(s).

- ***May I change locations?***

Locations are assigned on a monthly basis. Venue change requests may be submitted at any time and take effect at the end of each month on a first-come, first-served basis.

- ***May I arrive early and set up equipment?***

No. All activities must happen during the permitted time period.

- ***What type of fitness equipment is permitted?***

All fitness equipment must be under the 25 lb. limit unless approved by the Director or their designee. No equipment is permitted that may damage the parks, turf, or facilities.

- ***May I use park benches, picnic tables, signs, or trees for my class?***

No. Park equipment may not be used for any fitness activities.

- ***May I post a sign of my business/class?***

Yes. One sandwich board is permitted.

- ***May I put up stakes to partition off my class from the public?***

No. No stakes may be used in the turf. Cones may be set up to create a perimeter around your class.

- ***May I store or leave my equipment in the park?***

No. You must remove all equipment at the end of each class.

- ***May I bring flood lights or spot lights to operate after the sun goes down?***

No. Not at this time.

- ***What should I do if there are members of the public in my reserved space?***

Classes are not permitted within 20 feet of members of the public. If possible, we ask that you move your class to another area inside your designated space. Otherwise, you may inform the individuals that you have reserved this space for group fitness activities and display your permit to them. If they refuse to move, you may contact City of Santa Barbara Park Rangers at (805) 897-1941 for assistance.